IN THE SPECIFICATION

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/505,232 filed September 23, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The present invention relates generally to techniques for removing noise from video streams (de-noising) and more specifically to techniques for denoising video streams using inband motion-compensated temporal filtering (IBMCTF).